

REMARKS

Claims 6-19 are pending in the present application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants note receipt of the initialed copy of Information Disclosure Citation form PTO-A820 along with the current Office Action, and the Examiner's acknowledgment that Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-244676 has been considered and will be cited of record in the present application.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 8 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Examiner has asserted that the claim states that the event zones are separated by execution of a reset event, and apparently also has asserted that that claim does not explain exactly how this is accomplished. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Applicants firstly respectfully submit that the claims may be written broadly, without explaining or limiting how a function is carried out. Moreover, a reset event is described on page 7, lines 6-21 of the specification. As described, the Reset Event shown in Fig. 8 clears all previous events before a Reset Event is executed. That is, when a reset event is executed, the reset event clears events executed before the reset event.

Applicants respectfully submit that one of ordinary skill in the field of multimedia computer systems for karaoke devices for instance, would readily understand how to clear previous events. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claims 8 and 15 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and thus respectfully urge the Examiner to withdraw this rejection for at least these reasons.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 6-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Naples et al. reference (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0162445). Applicants note that, in the rejection of claim 6, the Examiner cited paragraphs "97-91." (See, Office Action at page 3, paragraph 2). Applicants assume that this was a typographical error and that the Examiner intended paragraphs 87-91. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

The mobile karaoke device of claim 6 includes in combination among other features a sound generator "that plays sound responsive to the song data"; and a multimedia processor "that provides the song data to said sound generator, and that executes karaoke events according to the karaoke event data". As further featured, said sound generator "responding to receipt of the synchronization data embedded within the song data by sending an interrupt signal to said multimedia processor, said multimedia processor executing the karaoke events in time order in synchronization responsive to receipt of the interrupt signal". Applicants respectfully submit that the

Naples et al. reference as relied upon by the Examiner fails to disclose all of these features.

The Examiner has very generally asserted that paragraphs 7, 11, 48-50, 56-62, 78, 87-91, 93, 107, 112-118, 195-199, 206-211 and 214 of the Naples et al. reference variously disclose the features of claim 6. However, the above noted paragraphs of the Naples et al. reference as generally relied upon by the Examiner do not specifically describe or disclose a sound generator that responds to receipt of synchronization data embedded within song data, and that sends an interrupt signal to a multimedia processor. Particularly, the Examiner has not specifically identified a component in the Figures of the Naples et al. reference that generates sound, generates an interrupt signal responsive to synchronization data embedded in received song data, and also provides the interrupt signal to a multimedia processor. The Examiner has not specifically identified an interrupt signal. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the mobile karaoke device of claim 6 distinguishes over the Naples et al. reference as relied upon by the Examiner, and that this rejection of claims 6-12, is improper for at least these reasons.

The mobile karaoke service method of claim 13 includes in combination among other features "playing sound responsive to the song data"; "generating an interrupt signal responsive to the synchronization data embedded within the song data"; and "executing the karaoke events in time order in synchronization responsive to generation of the interrupt signal". Applicants respectfully submit that the Naples et al. reference

as relied upon by the Examiner fails to disclose all of these features.

The Examiner has asserted that the rejection of claims 6-12 gives sufficient grounds for rejecting claims 13-19. However, the above noted paragraphs of the Naples et al. reference as generally relied upon by the Examiner do not specifically describe or disclose generating an interrupt signal responsive to synchronization data embedded within song data, and executing karaoke events in time order in synchronization responsive to generation of the interrupt signal. As noted above, the Examiner has not even specifically identified an interrupt signal. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the mobile karaoke service method of claim 13 distinguishes over the Naples et al. reference as relied upon by the Examiner that this rejection of claims 13-19, is improper for at least these reasons.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding rejection, and to pass the claims of the present application to issue, for at least the above reasons.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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